

WEST BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Student Pledge
Bully-free School Zone

We the students of the West Bloomfield School District say...
"At this school district, we believe... we should be... bully free!"

Bullying defined is when one individual (or group) seeks to dominate, control, intimidate, and/or terrorize the life of another individual. We know bullying can be pushing, shoving, hitting, and spitting, as well as name-calling, picking-on, making fun of, laughing at, and/or excluding someone. Bullying causes pain and stress to victims and is never justified or excusable as "kids being kids", "just teasing", or any other rationalization. The victim is never responsible for being a target of bullying. Bullying behavior is not welcome at our school.

Everyone in the West Bloomfield School District will work to provide a school environment that is safe, calm, orderly, procedural, and one in which people care for one another.

By signing this pledge, we the students of the West Bloomfield School District agree to:

1. Value student differences and treat others with respect.
2. Not become involved in bullying incidents or be a bully.
3. Be aware of the school district's policy and support system with regard to bullying.
4. Report honestly and immediately all incidents of bullying to a faculty member, guidance counselor, or principal.
5. Be alert in places around the school district where there is less supervision such as bathrooms, between buildings, busses, etc.
6. Support students who have been or are subjected to bullying.
7. Participate fully and contribute to homeroom class discussions in dealing with bullying.
8. Provide a good role model for younger students and support them if bullying occurs.

I acknowledge that whether I am being bullied or see someone else being bullied, if I don't report or attempt to stop the bullying I am just as guilty.

Signed by: _____

Print name: _____ Date: _____